Unreserved Ticket system at NDLs

1171. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Railways inaugurated recently the Unreserved Ticket System at New Delhi Railway Station;

(b) if so, whether the Railways intend to extend this facility to Tamil Nadu and other States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A pilot project of Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) for issuing of Unreserved Tickets was commissioned in Delhi area of Northern Railway on 15.8.2002 which was inaugurated by Minister for Railways. Based on the evaluation of this project, demand pattern and resource availability, it will be extended on other zonal Railways in phased manner.

National Rail Vikas Yojna

1172. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount proposed to be spent under the National Rail Vikas Yojna during this year;

(b) the areas and the projects to be covered;

(c) the amount to be spent for this purpose during this year; and

(d) the action proposed to modernize the existing infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY) includes four areas—Strengthening of Golden Quadrilateral, strengthening of Rail connectivity to Ports, construction of four Mega Bridges and accelerated completion of Last Mile and Other Important Projects. Certain projects, covered under strengthening of Golden Quadrilateral and construction of Mega Bridges, are already sanctioned. These are indicated in the enclosed Statement. (*See below*). The outlay for these sanctioned works for the year 2002-03 is Rs. 387.05 Crores. The projects for Strengthening of Port Connectivity are under finalization. The additional Rs. 763 crores during 2002-03, indicated in

the NRVY for Accelerated Completion of Last Mile and Other Projects is presently under discussion with the Ministry of Finance.

(d) Modernization of existing infrastructure is a continuous process of Indian Railways. Modernisation covers electric and diesel locomotives, coaches, wagons, track as well as signalling and telecommunication installations. It includes induction of high powered diesel/electric locomotives, high axle load wagons, modernization of track as well as of track maintenance, track circuiting, provision of Route Relay Interlocking/Solid State Interlocking, Auxiliary Warning System, Walkie-talkie communication between guard and driver, provision of optic fibre based communication system, interlocking and telephone at level crossings.

Statement

Outlay During 2002-03 against sanctioned projects covered under National Rail Vikas Yojana

I. Strengthening of Golden Quadrilateral

Name of Project	Outlay 2002-03 (Rs. in Crores)
New Lines	
Hubli-Ankola	20.00
Daitari-Banspani	40.00
TOTAL (NEW LINES)	**60.00**
Railway Electrification	
Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar including Talcher-Paradeep Railway Electrification	21.57
Bhubaneshwar-Kottavalasa Railway Electrification	30.00
TOTAL (RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION)	**51.57**
Doubling	
Pakni-Solapur Doubling	5.00
Thane-Mumbra 5th & 6th Line	0.10
Diva-Kaylan doubling of 5 & 6 line	25.00
Chandanpur-Gurup 3rd line	1.00
Gurup-Shaktigarh: 3rd line	15.00

Name of Project	Outlay 2002-03 (Rs. in Crores)
Kanpur-Chandari	0.50
New Delhi-Tilak Bridge: 5th and 6th line	5.00
Kanpur-Panki: 3rd Line (Phase-I)	10.00
Attipattu-Korukkupettai	15.00
Gooty-Renigunta Sec.: Doubling of Balapalle-Pullampet (Phase-I)	20.00
Gooty-Renigunta: Patch Doubling	10.00
Talcher-Paradeep (Second bridge on Mahanadi & Birupa)	20.00
Bilaspur-Urkura 3rd Line	29.00
Tikiapara-Santragachi IV line	1.00
Gudur-Renigunta Doubling	22.62
TOTAL (DOUBLING)	**179.22**
Signalling & Telecommunication	
2nd Distant signal at stations	1.26
TOTAL (S&T)	**1.26**
TOTAL (GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL)	**292.05**
II. MEGA BRIDGES	
Patna-Ganga Bridge	50
Monghyr-Rail Bridge on river Ganga	5
Bogibeel Bridge over Brahmaputra River	40
TOTAL (MEGA BRIDGES)	**95**
TOTAL (GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL+MEGA BRIDGES)	**387.05**

Linking of Howrah and Sealdah Railway stations

1173. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for linking the Sealdah Railway Station with Howrah Railway Station stands today;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the idea was cancelled; if so, when and the reasons therefor?